

the Town shall have full force and effect upon and within all property and facilities owned by the Town, whether located within or outside the corporate limits.

#### “ARTICLE X. STREET AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

“Sec. 10.1. *Street Improvements, Assessment of Costs.* In addition to any authority which is now or may hereafter be granted by general law to the Town for making street improvements, the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to make street improvements and to assess the total cost thereof against abutting property owners in accordance with provisions of this Article.

“Sec. 10.2. *When Petition Unnecessary.* The Board of Commissioners may order street improvements and assess the cost thereof, exclusive of the costs incurred at street intersections, against the abutting property owners at an equal rate per front foot, without the necessity of a petition, upon the finding by the Board as a fact:

- (a) That the street improvement project does not exceed 1,200 linear feet and
- (b) That such street or part thereof is unsafe for vehicular traffic and it is in the public interest to make such improvement, or
- (c) That it is in the public interest to connect two streets, or portions of a street already improved, or
- (d) That it is in the public interest to widen a street, or part thereof, which is already improved; provided, that assessments for widening any street or portion of street without petition shall be limited to the cost of widening and otherwise improving such street in accordance with the street classification and improvement standards established by the Town's thoroughfare or major street plan for the particular street or part thereof to be widened and improved under the authority granted by this Article.

“Sec. 10.3. *Street Improvement Defined.* For the purposes of this Article, the term ‘street improvement’ shall include grading, regrading, surfacing, resurfacing, widening, paving, repaving, the acquisition of right-of-way, and the construction or reconstruction of curbs, gutters and street drainage facilities.

“Sec. 10.4. *Sidewalks; Assessment of Costs.* In addition to any authority which is now or may hereafter be granted by the General Statutes to the Town for making sidewalk improvements, the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to order to be made or to make sidewalk improvements or repairs without petition according to standards and specifications of the Town, and to assess the total cost thereof against the abutting property owners.

If a sidewalk is constructed on only one side of the street and in a residential zone the cost thereof may be assessed against the property abutting on both sides of the street, unless there already exists a sidewalk on the other side of the street, the total cost of which has been assessed against the abutting property.

“Sec. 10.5. *Assessment Procedure.* In ordering street and sidewalk improvements without a petition and assessing the cost thereof under authority of this Article, the Board of Commissioners shall comply with the procedure provided by the General Statutes, except those provisions relating to the petition of property owners and the sufficiency thereof.

“Sec. 10.6. *Effective Assessment.* The effect of the act levying assessments under the authority of this Article shall for all purposes be the same as if assessed and levied under authority of the General Statutes of North Carolina.